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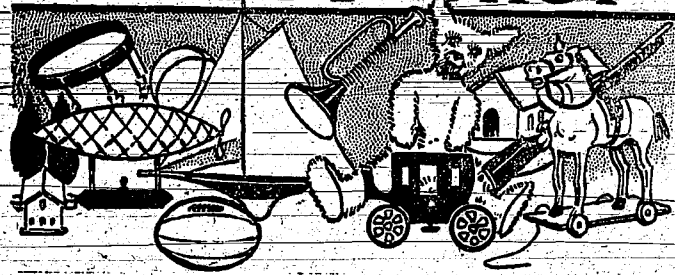
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Santa Claus is Coming



X-Mas is nearly here. Make our store your trading place for your nice X-Mas presents. — Every space in the entire building is filled with goods just suitable for presents. Fine ready-to-wear Suits and Overcoats, Dress Pants, fine Ladies', Men's and Children's Underwear; the finest line of Neck-Wear, a fine set of Silk Hose, Tie and Silk Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box only 75c, makes a fine X-mas present; warm Shoes, for Ladies, Buster Brown Shoes for children, and White House Shoes for Ladies and Men. In Toys there was never a finer line shown in Grayling, also Fancy Dishes of all kinds. We cannot mention every thing, come to the store where you pay the same prices and less than in the fine city stores.

THE TOY SHOP



**Brenner's
Cash Store**
The
Laboring Man's
Trading Place

Hand Bags

LADIES: We have a beautiful line of Hand Bags in Alligator and other leathers. They range from the small size to large ones, and we have them in all prices. Come in and look them over while the assortment is large, and should you not care to buy now, we will be glad to lay it away until you are ready for it.

Christmas is Coming

Come in and pick out a nice hand bag, and we save it for you.

Central Drug Store



SHOES FOR LADIES

THE SHOE OF BEAUTY
THE SHOE OF QUALITY

Excellent care taken to see that you will get
A PERFECT FIT

JOHN O. GOUDROW.

The Home Circle

The wives and mothers of a century ago were proud to exhibit the result of their industry in the manufacture of cloth and the making of garments for their families. There is no call for such work in our day, yet there are enough calls to duty in every home to employ the housekeeper. Home to many women means nothing more than a laundry where they take their clothes to be washed and ironed; to the man a place to eat and sleep, their evenings being largely spent at clubs or billiard halls. The old-fashioned home keepers have become almost a lost quantity. Societies of various kinds occupy much of their time. The children are sent to school at the age of six and the mothers are at liberty to sit about until they return at noon when the lunch of food prepared outside the home, is placed before the family, and the duties until high twelve are discharged.

Get the whine out of your voice or it will stop the development and growth of your body. It will narrow and shrink your mind. It will drive away your friends; it will make you unpopular. Quit your whining; brace up; go to work; be something; stand for something; fill your place in the world. Instead of whining around exciting only pity and contempt, face about and make something of yourself. Reach up to the stature of a strong, ennobling manhood; to the beauty and strength of a superb womanhood. There is nothing the matter with you. Just quit your whining and go to work.

The man who measures his acts by what the law allows him to do is not so good a neighbor as the one who measures his acts by "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The law is made for the first; the second does not need it.

Don't find all your "good people" among the departed, but seek to discover some among the living. It will make you and the world happier to get into the habit.

School Notes.

After the usual Thanksgiving vacation school work has been resumed with every one willing to work harder even than before.

Marion Salling was a high school visitor Monday.

Gladys Hennessy visited the high school last Monday.

Lillian Bates is filling the vacancy in the eighth grade room caused by the illness of Miss Jones.

Miss Hale took up her duties as the sixth grade teacher Monday morning.

The fifth grade surprised their teacher, Miss Judge, last Wednesday by having a quantity of nuts and candy in her room when she went back at noon. It went very well with the program which had been prepared during the previous weeks.

With odds greatly against them the High School team won its third consecutive victory, over Frederic All City, last Saturday evening by score of 18 to 17. Although Frederic claims the game by not counting a held basket and a free throw the game belongs to Grayling by people more experienced in the basket ball world. F. Meddick, who played center for Frederic did the bulk of the work and scored nearly all the points for them, but Nelson, the large Swede, out jumped in every toss-up in last half. Grayling out played them in every point of the game. The score in first half was eleven to five in favor of Frederic, but next half the High School sent slaughtering charges against every corner of their defense and thereby won out. Gross and Lauder did good work for H.S. by throwing three out of five free throws. Bradley and Hum played a good game at guard, each guard helping to pile up the score by making field baskets. Frederic put up a good game and although heavier than Grayling showed the makings of a good team with more practice.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our kind friends and neighbors who helped us so much during the time of the illness and death of our beloved mother, Mrs. Almeda Smith, especially Mrs. Sherman of Maple Forest. From her children, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Smith, Mrs. Archie Arnold, Howard, Chester, and Jesse.

The Toledo Life Insurance company of Toledo, Ohio, has been granted a license to do business in Michigan and John G. Stephan has been appointed local agent. Young man you will make a mistake if you take out insurance without investigating the policy of this company.
JOHN G. STEPHAN.
Box 16.

hungry hearts fed by words of praise and recommendation.

The trick of always seeing the bright side, or if the matter has no one is a very important faculty, one of the things no woman should be without. We are not all born with the sunshine in our hearts, as the Irish pretty phrase it, but we can cultivate a cheerful sense of humor if we only try.

Is there any satisfaction in a room the furnishings of which cost hundreds of dollars, when it is only open at rare intervals, while the owner perhaps sits by the kitchen fire or in some dingy sitting room, where he can put his feet on the fender if he wants to, can smoke, and as a great indulgence, tilt back in a chair?

Take the sermons you hear home to yourself. If you divide them and parcel them out to your friends and neighbors, and the people in the pews around you, there won't be much of the "good seed of the gospel" left to bear fruit for you.

Man may go through all the world; he may run through every stage of belief and disbelief, but there will be one picture that he cannot efface. Living or dying, there will rise up before him like a morning star the beauty of that remembered goodness which he called "mother."

Those who habitually correct their children in their faults by whipping and boxing them, must not be surprised when they find them slapping them in return, and rough and abusive towards one another. They are simply trying to enforce their own little ideas of right as they have seen their elders do.

The poet and the artist, the writer and the musician look to the world to acknowledge their genius and give them praise. It is an encouragement which calls forth their noblest words to climb the mount of fame until they surround all difficulties and write their names in flaming letters upon its summit. Then let us give encouragement to each other in every effort of good, in every noble action, in the little duties of life, and we will be happier for it; the world will be better, and a smiling providence will down and bless our labor of love.

Take people by the hand whom you really wish to help. Don't stand on a high pedestal and tell them to do themselves the honor of jumping to your level. Either go to them kindly and extend to them the friendly hand of Christian fellowship, or let them alone.

Honesty is never gained or lost suddenly, or by accident, but idleness

feeds upon it and will, in time, use up the last vestige. The happy home, be it a cottage or a mansion, furnishes no recruits for an army of unemployed.

Old people have faults, like children, but they have no mothers to forgive them.

Church Notes.

M. E. church, December 10th, 1911. Public Service subject, "The Promised Comforter." Epworth League subject, "The Star of Bethlehem; A World-Wide Wonder." Leader, Miss Marion Schreck. Public Service subject, "The Certainty of Sight." JAMES IVES, Pastor.

Presbyterian church, December 10th. Morning topic, "The Philosophy of a Forward Movement." Christian Endeavor topic, "The Source of a Worker's Strength." Evening topic, "The Sustaining Power of the Christian."

GRAYLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Superintendent's Monthly Report for Month Ending November 23rd, 1911.

Number enrolled to date between the ages of 5 and 20 years. Male 224. Female 241. Total 465.

Number enrolled to date between the ages of 14 and 18 years. Male 64. Female 62. Total 126.

Number belonging at the end of the month 420.

Number of days taught 20.

Number of girls enrolled 241.

Number of boys enrolled 224.

Total number enrolled (counting none twice) 465.

Total number half days attendance 16341.

Total number belonging 420.

Average daily attendance 409.

Percentage of attendance 96%.

Number teachers' meetings attended 1.

Number of half days teacher has been absent 6.

Number of times teacher has been tardy 5.

The eight grade had the highest percentage of attendance for this month. 98.2%.

The following in this room were neither absent nor tardy:

Axel Jorgenson, Ed. King, Chester LaBeef, Roy Milnes, Ed. Waldron, Albert Borchers, Carl Dorah, Joe Cassidy, Irving Hodge, Ray Jensen, Clarence Johnson, Luigrid Jorgenson, Elsie Larson, Mabel Nelson, Marion Schreck, Anna Brown, Margaret Burgess, and Margaret Foley.

C. A. WHITNEY, Superintendent.

Engraved cards for Christmas presents at this office.

Floral Designs

For All Occasions

Cut Flowers
And
Potted Plants.

MARKET GARDEN

JOHN H. COOK, Florist
Phone 444

Real Estate

FOR SALE

A Fortune For Someone

An entire section in township 27 N R 2 W, one mile from R. R. near school, excellent fruit land and for general farming; well watered. A beautiful little lake well stocked with fish. A fine lot of timber for sawing and for wood. Can be bought for half its value. Half cash and balance on time.

40 acres, fenced, 8 acres under cultivation, 12 mile from village, \$600.00

40 acres Oak Land, adjoining Grayling Park on Portage Lake \$800.00.

Two desirable building lots on Ogema street, \$250.00.

40 acres, good neighborhood, convenient to school and post office; one third rich black mud land and balance good. A spring brook running through the tract. Title perfect. \$200.00.

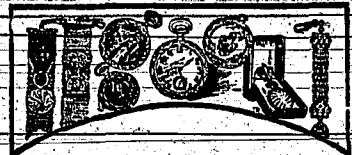
80 acres SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 sec. 3, Grayling, good supply of stove wood on land; price and terms to suit.

40 acres in Beaver Creek, good house and stable; a good well and young orchard; and plenty of small fruit. A Bargain.

O. PALMER

Christmas Presents

That will give you pleasure to give
As well as to make the heart glad of the one
Who receives them.



FOR HER

A Dainty Looket
A Beautiful Watch,
Chain or Fob, Hat Pins,
Bracelets, Brooches, Bar Pins, Jewel
Boxes, Toilet Articles, or the best
of all



We can but give you a hint
of our splendid assortment
A call will convince you
of the fact

CAN BE FOUND AT

HATHAWAY'S

Jewelry Store

For Mother

Silver Ware in Sterling or plated

Cut Glass

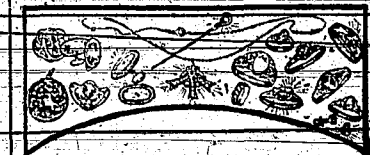
Sets or
Odd Pieces

For Father

Watches

Clocks, Fountain Pens

and many things in the
Jewelry Line to please him



FOR HIM

Rings, Set or Signets,
Fobs, Chains, Watches
Scarf Pins, Tie Clasp,
Fountain Pens, Charms, Shaving
and Smoking Sets, Military Brush-
es, Emblems, pin or buttons and

CUFF LINKS

In Solid Gold and
Gold Filled

Do not forget to ask for a
Calendar before they are all
gone. Only one to a family

Jeweler

C. J. HATHAWAY Optometrist

The Zolanche

O. P. BUSHMAN, Pub.
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

Life is getting to be just one
blasted "probe" after another.

Jack Frost is outclassing all the fly
and mosquito swatters.

Aviators prefer to fly where the
ground is not frozen hard.

Rodgers, the aviator, does not think
his record will stand long. It will for
all of us.

A cold wave is on the way. Have
you thrown up intrenchments in the
coal bin?

If the head of a feminine jury is a
forewoman, each of the others should
be a juror.

If China develops a republic it will
have to reform its spelling and adopt
civilized letters.

Some of these days a cold wave
will come along that will live up to
the advertisement.

Pittsburgh is now legally entitled to
the h. It will make Pittsburgh any
better let us all be joyful.

The coal sellers and the clothiers
are plainly getting into the good
graces of the weather man.

The commercial travelers are plan-
ning an abridgement of hotel tips and
are inuring themselves to hard looks.

China was 9,000 years in waiting up,
but after she got her eyes open she
certainly did show energy and speed.

New York's budget for 1912 will be
\$187,200,000. The city should be able
to buy a lot of government for all that
money.

By migrating from one summer re-
sort to another a Los Angeles woman
claims to have scored 212 offers of
marriage.

The approach of winter has its
drawbacks, including early Christ-
mas shopping and the meeting of
congress.

A young actor has married a wid-
ow said to be worth \$15,000,000. How
did he do it—milk baths, divorce or
lost diamonds?

"The rosy-cheeked country girl is
a myth," says Dr. Woods Hutchinson.
Regarding the rosy-cheeked girl he
said nothing.

Philadelphia's new popular song is
entitled "Bending Over—Benders"
Benders. It is not popular, how-
ever, in New York.

A close calculation shows that 30,
000,000 apple eaters in this country
eat 30,000,000 barrels of apples to
eat this year, and every man is ex-
pected to do his duty.

A "telephone snipe" is a man who
habitually uses some other man's
telephone at no other expense to him-
self than a "thank you." He flour-
ishes, perhaps, because he is not a
game bird.

Fire fans—men who always run after
the fire apparatus—have formed an
organization. Next should come a so-
ciety of men who stand for hours
watching workmen excavate for a
new building.

Having paid \$35 for a machine guar-
anteed to make perfectly good green-
backs out of blank paper, a St. Louis
man was indignant at the outcome.
He is one of the kind that are born
every minute.

The bridegroom who had his wed-
ding trousseau flung on his way to the
nuptials can console himself with
the thought that the wife is now pre-
vented from wearing them.

Boston women want the marriage
license amended. The changes that
they are in favor of are not men-
tioned, but it is safe to presume that
they want to amend it in their favor.

An eastern suffragette, defending
trousers for women, suggests two
suits of clothes a year as sensible.
The old man probably would like to
see a proportionate reduction in hats.

A new standard of marital happi-
ness has been established by a Chicago
couple who revised the usual prom-
ise. The husband agrees to give his
wife all his earnings and to allow her
to be boss of the family, while she
promises to let him buy his own cl-
gars and to feed him well. The prom-
ises are not romantic nor even pictur-
esque, but this couple are proving
their constitutional right for the pur-
suit of happiness on a practical work-
ing basis.

Luther Burbank has turned out a
thornless blackberry bush. The com-
pletion of the square pea is the utility
that is eagerly awaited.

A contest between a meat and vege-
table diet as to the vegetarian
has gained fifteen pounds. Why he
worried by the market price?

A world trotting goat with an in-
extinguishable appetite for cigarettes is
vitalizing Boston. We do not know of
any better use for cigarettes than to feed
them to that goat.

As soon as the Chinese emperor
gets old enough to read, if he ever
does, he will find that he has written
a number of extraordinary edicts.

Rodolph Stea, a Chinaman, has been
elected president of the Pennsylvania
Class club. This may be regarded
as another slap at the Manchus.

An eastern boy has attained major
rank without having drunk, smoked or
kissed any woman not one of his fam-
ily circle. The reward, a gold watch
seems trifling.

TAKES UP TRUST PROBLEM

Only Matter Touched On In President's Message to Congress

Additional Legislation to Strengthen Present Statutes Is Recommended—Defends Stand- ard Oil and Tobacco Decisions

Washington—President Taft's annual
message, which was read in both houses
of congress—Tuesday, deals exclusively
with the anti-trust statute. The message
in part is as follows:
To the Senate and House of Representa-
tives: This message is the first of an
annual series which I shall send to congress
during the interval between the opening of
its regular session and its adjournment for
the Christmas holidays. The amount of
information to be communicated as to the
operations of the government, the number
of important subjects calling for com-
ment by the executive, and the transac-
tions of congress are so great that it is
impossible to include in one message of a
reasonable length a discussion of the to-
day's business. I shall, therefore, confine
the attention of the national legislature to its
first regular session.

The Anti-Trust Law—The Supreme Court Decisions

In May last the Supreme court handed
down decisions in the suits in equity
brought by the Standard Oil company and
the American Tobacco company to en-
force the maintenance of the Standard
Oil trust and to secure their dissolution. The
decisions are of great importance to the
business world and to the public. They
define the scope and operation of the anti-
trust law of 1890. The decisions do not
denounce in any substantial way from the
previous decisions of the court in construc-
tion and applying this important statute,
but they clarify those important decisions
by further defining the already admitted
exceptions to the literal construction of the
act. By the decisions, they furnish a
useful precedent as to the proper method
of interpreting the anti-trust statute and
of applying its provisions to the facts of
actual cases.

No Change in the Rule of Decision— Merely in Form of Expression

The statute in its first section declares
to be illegal "every contract, combination
in the form of trust or otherwise, or con-
spiracy, in restraint of trade or commerce
among the several States, or with foreign
nations," and in the second, de-
clares guilty of a misdemeanor every per-
son who shall monopolize or attempt to
monopolize, or conspire with any other
person to monopolize any part of the
trade or commerce of the several
States, or with foreign nations.

In the case of the Standard Oil com-
pany, the Supreme court held that the
statute was directed against all con-
tracts and combinations in restraint of
trade, whether reasonable or not. It was
plain from the record, however, that the
contracts complained of in this case had
been deemed reasonable at common law.
It has been said that the court, by in-
troducing into the construction of the
statute common law distinctions, has
enlarged its scope. This is a mistake.
By its judgment every contract and com-
bination in restraint of interstate trade
made with the purpose, or with the effect,
of creating a monopoly, or of establishing
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The Remedy in Equity by Dissolution

In the Standard Oil case the Supreme
court found the combination to be a
monopoly of the interstate business of
refining, transporting, and mar-
keting petroleum and its products, and
maintained through thirty-seven
different corporations, the stock of which
was held by a New Jersey company. It
was held that the combination was illegal
and that the remedy in equity was dis-
solution of the combination, directed to the
transfer of the stock to the individual
shareholders, and the corporation and
the individual defendants were en-
joined from conspiring or combining to
violate the act or to bring about further
violations of the act were enjoined.

In the Tobacco case, the court found
that the combination, consisting of twenty-
nine in number, had been engaged in a
successful effort to acquire complete con-
trol over the manufacture, sale, and
distribution of tobacco in this country,
and that this had been done by a pur-
pose and effect to stifle competition, con-
trol prices, and establish a monopoly.
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and the remedy in equity was dissolution
of the combination, directed to the transfer
of the stock to the individual sharehold-
ers, and the corporation and the individual
defendants were enjoined from conspiring
or combining to violate the act or to bring
about further violations of the act were
enjoined.

In the original suit there were twenty-
nine defendants who were charged with
conspiring to restrain trade through the
illegal combination acquired and exercised
its unlawful dominion. Under the de-
cisions of the Supreme court, each of the
defendants is liable for the entire wrong
committed by the combination, and each
may be held to pay the entire damages
suffered by the plaintiff. This is a new
and important principle of law, and it
will have a powerful effect in the future
in the enforcement of the anti-trust law.

She Had Her Doubts

Patience He said he would go
through fire for me
Patience—Well, you don't doubt him,
do you?
"Sometimes I do, I notice he al-
ways sits near the fire extinguisher
when he calls on me."

Our Mother's Full Duty

Our mother is that no mother
can do her full duty by a big family
of boys without becoming a good deal
of a pugilist.—Galveston News.

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Size of New Companies

Objection was made by certain inde-
pendent tobacco companies that this
decision was unjust because it left com-
panies with very large capital in active
business, and that the settlement that
would be effective to put all on an equal-
ity would be a division of the capital and
plant of the trust into small fractions in
amount more nearly equal to that of each
of the independent companies. This con-
sideration results in the understanding of
the anti-trust law and its purpose. It is
not intended thereby to prevent the ac-
cumulation of large capital in business
enterprises in which a combination can
secure reduced cost of production,
distribution, and sale.

Confiscation Not the Purpose of the Statute

It is not the purpose of the statute to
confiscate the property and capital of the
offending trusts. Methods of punishment
by fine or imprisonment of the individual
defenders by the corporation, or by for-
feiture of its funds in violation of the
statute, are provided, but the proceeding
in equity is a specific remedy to stop the
operation of the combination, to prevent
the future use of the plant and capital
in violation of the statute.

Common-Stock Ownership

It has been assumed that the present
provisions of the anti-trust statute pre-
vent the ownership of the stock of the
trust by former stockholders of the
same old single control of all the com-
pany's funds into the hands of a few
persons, and that this is a violation of
the statute. This is a mistake. The
statute is directed against the combina-
tion, not against the ownership of the
stock. The ownership of the stock by
individuals is not a crime, but it is a
crime to create or maintain a monopoly
which is not brought within its terms
as thus construed.

Movement for Repeal of the Anti-Trust Law

But now that the anti-trust act is seen
to be effective for the accomplishment of
the purpose of its enactment, we are met
by a cry from many different quarters
for the repeal of the act. This is a mis-
take. The purpose of the act is to pre-
vent the combination of capital and the
reduction of the cost of production that
is essential to the maintenance of a
monopoly, and the act is directed against
the combination, not against the owner-
ship of the stock.

Lack of Definition in the Statute

The complaint is made of the statute
that it is not sufficiently definite in its
description of that which is forbidden,
to enable business men to avoid its vio-
lation. The suggestion is that we may
have a combination of two corporations,
which may run on for years, and that
subsequently the attorney general may
conclude that it is a monopoly, and that
the combination is in violation of the
statute, and that which was supposed by
the combination to be innocent then turns
out to be a combination in violation of
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Now Remedies Suggested

Most of the objections to this statu-
te and of constructive legislation intend-

ed to accomplish the purpose and effect
of the act, and to prevent the combina-
tion of capital and the reduction of the
cost of production that is essential to
the maintenance of a monopoly. It may be
that such a plan will be evolved, but I
submit that the discussions which have
been had in the past have been of great
benefit to the country, and that the
act itself is a landmark in the history
of the nation.

Supplemental Legislation Needed—Not Repeal or Amendment

I see no objection to the enactment of
a law which shall describe and denounce
methods of competition, which are unfair
and which are in violation of the anti-
trust law. The act itself is a landmark
in the history of the nation, and it
will have a powerful effect in the future
in the enforcement of the anti-trust law.

Federal Incorporation Recommended

In a special message to congress on
January 7, 1910, I ventured to point out
the fact that the business of the nation
was being conducted in a manner which
was a violation of the anti-trust law.
I suggested that the government should
take action to prevent the combination
of capital and the reduction of the cost
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The LASH of CIRCUMSTANCE

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CHAPTER I.

That was a rather peculiar crime, the robbing of my Uncle Abner's safe. It was cleverly planned, opportunely timed and successfully executed. It was a good haul, too. Forty thousand dollars in crisp coin of the realm is pretty high pay for almost any criminal for a few hours' work and risk, and that is what the perpetrator got out of it.

You will notice that I said "criminal." I did that to distinguish it from the operation of a gang of thieves; for as it turned out it was the work of a single individual and not the combination of effort of a coterie. That made it still more difficult to solve. As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so is the cunning of a combination of men no keener than the wit of its dullest member. That is why conspiracies generally come to grief—somebody turns out to be weak. In the matter of which I am speaking there were as many baffling points as there are to a hedgehog, and for a time it seemed impenetrable. As for the sleuth hounds of the police, they came up to it with caution, smelled about it discreetly and then drew away, looking wise, to ponder over it, and for all I know are looking wise and pondering yet. But with William LeDuc the case was different.

LeDuc had been something of a friend of mine ever since we were schoolboys together, and he did real brilliant work on the case. Everything conjured up by the human mind is capable of human solution if we go about it right, and LeDuc found the way. Just because a dog is helpless before a bristling porcupine it is no sign that all animals are. The wild cat isn't. He is too quick for the bristler. He feels him out of his defensive posture by lightning play and eventually gets him by the unprotected nose—which is the beginning of the end of the problem. Just what LeDuc did has never been made public up to this time for the reason that none but he or I am competent to give the inner particulars of the running-down of the thief and up to this time neither of us has cared to tell. But I feel that I must do so now.

That I happened to know more than anybody else about certain incidents connected with the affair and was able to supply LeDuc with the proofs of guilt was due to the fact that I lived with Uncle Abner at the time the crime took place. I also, was the one who found him lying bound and unconscious. Also it was myself who reported matters to the police and introduced LeDuc to my uncle. As for the time when the burglary took place, I happened to be away from home, having stayed at a hotel in the business district quite a few miles from where I lived.

And now at the outset I am going to emphasize one fact. While it is an unpleasant thing for me to do so, I am going to tell everything I know regarding this crime. I am going to spare nobody's feelings, faults or reputations. That I have not done so before was because of a reason which will be apparent when all the other facts are known. But now that a certain event has happened I feel free to make everything known.

In writing this account I have thought best to do so chronologically when possible. Therefore, I must go somewhat into matters which preceded and were more or less directly connected with the crime in order that the motive may be shown and that there may be the proper perspective. To do this I must tell more or less about people not absolutely connected with the narrative but who are necessary to the narrative. However, they are simply the shading and side lights that go to make up the picture. And while LeDuc may disappear for considerable periods in the telling, the mistake should not be made of thinking he is nowhere around. That is what he did in the actual ferreting out of the case, and that is what misled the criminal. But when his fine Italian hand did appear at the finish it was a glove of mail.

Right at this point I find myself somewhat at a loss to decide just where to begin the recital. This is for the reason that I am not a writer trained in the art of building up a mystery with such skill that it stands intact until the time comes to demolish it; when with one deft blow the keystone is removed and the whole fabric comes down with a crash. Therefore all I can hope to do is to simply and plainly outline the characters which seem to me to be pertinent to a full understanding of conditions, and then go on and relate events as they happened. Perhaps I had better begin with a brief description of Uncle Abner, his peculiarities and meanness.

When you look at that last sentence again you will begin to understand that I meant it when I said I was going to spare nobody. Neither do I believe any one will think as I proceed that I am attempting to spare my own feelings. What an idiot I think when the fates were making the world's supply of fools, after they had constructed me they broke the mold. Having turned out

a perfect specimen there was no use of experimenting further. I have called Uncle Abner mean and peculiar, but that description is insipid. It is about as adequate as describing Satan as not being a pleasant person. Of all the cold-blooded men I ever met, Abner Halliday had the most frog-like temperature. I once had a dream which will illustrate my life-long impression of him. It happened when I was spending a year at a technical school learning practical mechanics prior to entering college, and it was brought about by a particularly heartless and thoroughly un-called-for letter which he had written me. I dreamed that I had seen him dissected at a clinic and that his veins were filled with liquid air instead of warm red corpuscles. And when it came to the region of his heart they found its place occupied by a teardrop. He was long, lean, miserly and rich. As to the amount of his wealth, I had little knowledge except from a boast he once made to me and which I was inclined to believe at the time.

I happened incidentally to remark that he must be a pretty wealthy man, and he turned to me with that cunning leer of his—a leer that had the cunning of a fox and the relentlessness of a wolf. "I suppose you know how far it is from here to the heart of the city," he grinned. I told him that it was eight miles as the crow flies.

"And about 80 rods. Now, you listen to me, young gadabout." If I should turn all my money into American dollars and put them side by side, edges touching, remember, they'd reach from here to the city hall."

"Which is a long way," I assented meekly. He grinned again. "And I'll tell you where else they would reach. They'd reach to the chambers of the judges; they'd reach to the private office of the assessor, and they'd reach to the heart of any public official I wanted to then. Which is the reason I desire them. Understand, now, young jackanapes?"

"Yes," I returned wearily, disgusted by his contempt for all human honesty. Then I went away and left him, feeling more resentful than ever that I must tell day in and out as the cashier of a soulless corporation for \$2,000 a year, and then out of it pay my uncle pretty near first-class hotel rates for my board and lodgings. At times his browbeating and insults fairly sicken me of life; yet I swallowed them with the resignation of a schoolboy who takes quinine as a condition to his being allowed to go fishing. Oh, dead men's shoes! How we will dance until we fall for the prospect of wearing them.

Now a few words about the house we lived in.

It was a rookery. Large and rambling, it had degenerated from a handsome, well-furnished suburban home to a hulking, interminable outcast amidst respectability. It was bruised and battered. The spine of the roof already had a curvature; the main hung from it in shreds, and raggedly surrounded it. Internally it was nearly hollow. Year by year Uncle Abner, clutching his dollars, sat by and watched it run down as steadily as a clock that he never saw wound, regardless of himself and of all he longed to him save his money. And whenever he did spend a few dollars upon repairs, his cheerfulness was that of one who gives a surgeon his fee for extracting his verminiform appendix. Necessarily, so grinding and imperative that further neglect would prove fatal, was the only condition that could loosen the Gordian knot which bound his money bags.

I never opened the heavy door that led from the group of magnificent century old oaks, the branch ends of which stroked the gray house like caressing hands, without a feeling of disgust and hot shame. The lower floors were unfurnished save for the kitchen, the dining room and the room for the housekeeper. Barring those portions it was as barren as a ship's empty hold. For years Mrs. Tobbits had been the housekeeper of the place, doing all the household work and never to our knowledge receiving company, and almost never leaving the premises. The upstairs portion of the house was also bare of furniture save for my uncle's and my apartments. His quarters consisted of a large, sparsely furnished room running the length of the front of the house, with an alcove in connection, my own sleeping room and den being adjacent thereto. That Uncle Abner continued to live amidst this shameful waste of handsomely designed rooms and broad natural gas, was about the only piece of extravagance I ever knew him to indulge himself in. However, I could partially account for it in two ways. In the first place he had come into possession of the premises through some sort of a bogus-pious away, had secured them for a song, won the resulting lawsuit, and then left the former owner to whistle for the song; and in the second he had a real and abiding fondness for trees and grass. Trees and grass, however, do not require repairs.

Now as to his associates. There were only three people in the world whom he did not seem to have a natural aversion for. These were

myself, whom he tolerated as a sort of loathsome and necessary evil; Bruce Halliday, my second cousin, whose happy-go-lucky exploits he would sometimes chuckle over, and Clare Winslow, another distant cousin of mine from a different branch of the family. But it was practically impossible to know Clare and not love her a little at least, and it was his affection for her, combined with his fondness for nature, that made me realize that he was a human being after all. Bruce used to say to me privately that if Uncle Abner was the crab-apple of the family tree, Clare was certainly the peach, but I always preferred to regard her as the jewel. I would not liken her to a diamond as I would Mrs. Duce, who scintillates and dazzles, but rather to a perfect pearl whose beauty is soft and emanates from deep within.

While it was easy enough to account for his fondness for Clare, I never could quite understand what a man of his instincts said about a prodigal like Bruce to pat on the back, good looking and agreeable though he is. And it puzzled me almost as much to notice that Clare, who is high minded and as sweet and wholesome as fresh milk, would so readily overlook things in my cousin of which I knew she instinctively disapproved. One day I spoke to her about it. I good naturedly charged her with being very fond of him, and she admitted it with audacious sang froid.

"Of course I am. Everybody is—everything is. Children climb all over him and stray dogs follow him home. Why shouldn't they if he pets them?" I expostulated. "But he is so obvious—I might even say notorious—about his—well, I will call them 'financial peculiarities.' He doesn't care who knows about them." She answered me as pertly as a sparrow.

"That's just what I like about him. Bruce doesn't know there is such a thing as underhandness."

So that's the way some immaculate women have off-staged up for tar-shed men. It seems to be one of the mysteries of the female mental equipment which is incomprehensible to the male mind. But while I always liked Bruce, we are of somewhat different temperaments. I am not a purist in any sense of the word, but I believe in discretion. Personally I prefer a person who does the indiscreet thing discreetly to one who does the discreet thing indiscreetly. And that is one way in which he and I differ. Neither do I admit that it is hypocrisy on my part—merely discretion. It has always seemed to me that when two people's characters are equal, that whatever advantage the one may have over the other rests with the one who has the better reputation.

Also Bruce was usually up to his ears in trouble of one of two kinds—financial or feminine. But no matter which it was, he always managed to slip through it like an eel, through oil,

and other things that were in common between us. She understood perfectly that there was no animus back of my words, and I would not have cared particularly if she had told him all I said. As a general proposition she would agree with me, but not at all ways. I remember once she crossed the rose which she had been crisscrossing into a shagless pulp with one convulsive squeeze at some careless remark of mine concerning his improvidence.

"Did you ever happen to notice where Bruce's clothes show the first signs of wear?" she asked defiantly. I admitted that I had not.

"Then I will tell you. It is at the flap of his right-hand trouser's pocket where he carries the loose money that he loans and gives away." So you see her action signified nothing except another instinctive desire on her part to fly to his defense and cover his sins of extravagance by the mantle of his charities. And, of course, against sentiment like that logic is useless.

Then, too, when it comes to his little love affairs—Bruce is certainly a psychoderm. You could shoot him as full of Cupid's arrows as you could thrust a human pin cushion full of needles, and the result would be the same in each case. An unfortunate affair of the heart affects some people not unlike a mosquito. It annoys them for a few moments, and then an other mosquito comes and the first one is forgotten. With others it gets under the skin like a "chigger"—leeches and tormentors and will not be scratched out. And there is where Bruce and I differ again. He is of the first class, while I am of the chigger-bitten variety.

Clare nearly always came to see us on Sunday afternoons. We would usually hear her whistling as she came up the walk when she was still quite a ways distant. Clare can sing like an angel, but she much prefers to whistle like the devil. She squeaks and trembles and bats with her lips in a pucker and her chin askant, and the discord she creates is shocking. But she never gets discouraged, and would rather shrill a few false notes through her puckered lips than open her round throat and let notes pour forth that would drive a prima donna to glaring envy. Into the house she would come by means of her private key with a file of her lips and a hat-tat-tat of her feet on the uncarpeted stairs, until a final thump would announce her arrival at the portals of my uncle's inner sanctuary. Thereupon I would arise to a military "attention" and move to a creaking recumbence of uprightness as she threw open the door with a splash of an exaggerated sweep of the older days. Up to one she would go with a ridiculous kiss upon the bald spot of his head, and then settle light as a puffball in the window seat and commence to



Sewed on the Buttons Missing From His Garments or Trimmed the Edges of His Ever Frayed Collars.

seem to care for any men but Bruce and myself, and I can't believe that you and he are in earnest in your brazen flirtations. In the first place, he has no more seriousness about him than a jumping-jack, and in the second I cannot conceive of a girl with your ideas loving a man of this caliber. Outrage of this more or less respectable class has no more fixed place of abode than has a balloon, and I don't believe he would be any more content to settle down than one.

She would toss her head. "That is because the poor fellow has no home to allure him. Just you wait until he gets married. If he wins the right wife he will settle down so hard that you can hear the echo."

I would wave my hands in protest. "But he speculates upon the boards, bets, and all that, and while I do not consider such things as particularly depraved, I know that you are utterly against them. Besides, he is a financial humorist. How could he support a wife in the dreary, moneyless periods?"

"I'm sure I don't know that would be his end of the bargain. But I do know that if he had a wife who would save what he throws away when he is prosperous they would never come to want. And I am not sure, after all, but that it is better to have a lot of money part of the time and none the rest than to have only a little all the time."

That would quiet me for a time. I had to depend entirely upon my salary, for being under heavy bonds I could not have speculated had I cared to and still retained my position if the fact became known. Still, by certain economies I had managed to hide away a few hundreds for emergencies and in addition to that I had in the savings bank \$5,000 which had come to me from my father's estate. That, however, I regarded a good deal, as a trust fund which was to be left unused except in case of last resort. So I would take another tack and try to impress her with the greater virtues of ultimate achievement through industry, economy and the ranks of your fellow men. From her quietness I would think she was becoming converted until a sudden she would give a fidget.

"There he comes now, down the walk back of us," she would assert without even a glance around. And sure enough it would be Bruce, a cigar in his mouth and a bundle as big as a peck-measure wrapped up in paper under his arm. I always thought my physical senses were particularly alert, but she would invariably announce his coming before I knew he was within gunshot. Hearing, intuition, instinct or sixth sense, I know not what it was, but at times it struck me as almost uncanny. Up to us he would come strutting with a smile and audacious "Hello, little sweetheart," and a nod and an "Oh-ho." "Howdy, old man," to me, and standing before us with his feet wide apart would grin at her like a good-natured puppy. Then I would see Clare's eyes begin to light up.

"What is it this time, Bruce?" she would half-gasp excitedly. With a studied deliberation that would keep her in a quivering suspense, he would gradually open the bundle and raise it on high. Then suddenly he would pour a puff of roses, carnations or violets over her head and send them tumbling into her lap and down on the grass in a waterfall of fragrance. And at that she would utter a little cry and go down upon her knees as she gathered them up by the handful, scolding him like a magpie for his extravagance, and stopping after every few words for a rapturous smell of each captured treasure. And that would be my reward for my lecture on the sin of extravagance.

"Clare," I would say, "you don't

love to her. Nor would he do this in the way that any other civilized man would go about such a thing, but openly and notoriously in the filibustering fashion in which he did everything. She always received his praises before his extravagant compliments, while, as for myself, I would watch him in silence unable to make up my mind whether I was amused or disgusted. After he got tired of that he would insist that she go with him over to the boulevard where they could sit on a bench and pick out an automobile from those going by, such as he was going to purchase for her especial benefit. At first she would demur, but would finally say, "All right, if Tom will go, too." Whereat he would laugh and say to me with an audacious wink:

"Oh, Tom doesn't care to go. He would rather loaf up in his den and read a book than go over there and sit in the dust, wouldn't you, Tom?" In reply I would bow low and say "Certainly," with a sarcasm that would have shriveled any other living human being, but at which he would only laugh again and straightway march her off, and that of course would be the last of them for that day so far as I was concerned.

As I said before, I was not in love with her. I did not think that he was more than half in earnest and therefore was not jealous. But it always left me feeling sort of disgusted, I don't believe it is in the male nature.

Lure for any man to witness a woman whom he likes tacitly accepting the advances of a man other than himself without wishing that he had horns. He may not particularly want the woman himself, but the sight of it breeds a sneaking desire in him to go out and hook something.

CHAPTER II.

In my uncle's large front room there was a safe that he had picked up somewhere in the dark ages of his youth, doubtless upon some foreclosure, and it was one of the simplicities of his complex mind that he should cling to it with the faith which a child reposes in the toy savings bank in which he had deposited his treasure. It was a dogged enough looking contraption, and around it revolved the principal characters and events of this history as a moth circles a flame. Behind the portly doors were kept the integrals of his fortune; the mortgages, leases, deeds and notes that were the material evidences of his possessions. While it was nearly always practically empty of cash, at remote intervals and for a few days at a time only it contained considerable sums in specie. This last happened when he would collect the money on a mortgage or other security and because of not finding well would receive payment of the house instead of the bank. Once in a long while this would change to occur after banking hours, or on a Sunday or holiday, and in that event, after the payee had departed, he would give himself over to a revel with the currency with all the delight of a child fondling a new toy. He did not seem to care for gold as the stereotyped miser always does, but would nose around among the bundles of greenbacks with the seeming fascination of a feline for catnip. It was during one of these scenes that our quarrel occurred.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Cause for Joy?
Mig Pert—Ever since I refused Tom two weeks ago he hasn't been sober a day.
Miss Caustique—Not tired celebrating, eh?—Exchange.

Nothing Else.
He—I wish you would select more appropriate times to go to your dressmaker's.
She—My dear man, all times to go to a dressmaker's are fitting occasions.

colored hands are noticeable, except as a harmonious contribution to your costume, you may be sure that they are "out of value," as the painters say.—Woman's Home Companion.

Always Funny.
"Don't you think the joke is funny?" "Certainly do."
"Then why don't you laugh?" "My mind was occupied in trying to place it. I think the last time I came across it was in a paper which credited it to Horace Greeley."



YOURS

Yours for uniformity.
Yours for great leavening power.
Yours for never failing results.
Yours for purity.
Yours for economy.
Yours for everything that goes to make up a really high grade, dependable baking powder.
That is Calumet. Try it once and note the improvement in your baking. See how much more economical over the high priced trade brands, how much better than the cheap and big can kinds.
Calumet is highest in quality—moderate in cost.
Received Highest Award—World's Pure Food Exposition.

HARD LUCK.



The Fortune Teller—You are destined to marry great wealth.
I. M. P. Cautious—Flee.
The Fortune Teller—Unfortunately, death will claim you two days after the event.

Sleuth-Guarded Jewels.
Pity the poor duchess of Marlborough, who has been driven to insomnia through worry over her jewels. She has hired six former Scotland Yard detectives to camp at Sunderland house, Mayfair, three by day and three by night, and guard her gems. The outlay for this is something more than \$5,000 annually. She has spent many thousands in equipping her mansion with all the latest wrinkles in burglar alarm and safety devices, but she considers the money that buys her peace of mind is an investment well made.

Practical Suggestion.
A new American railroad used with flowers and hedges, but what our railroad rights-of-way really need is to be lined with feather beds. What good would it go anybody to fall on a grassy when trains collide?—Detroit Free Press.

WORKS WITHOUT FAITH
Falth Came After the Works Had Laid the Foundation.

A Bay State belle talks thus about coffee:

"While a coffee drinker I was a sufferer from indigestion and intensely painful nervous headaches, from childhood."

"Seven years ago my health gave out entirely. I grew so weak that the exertion of walking, if only a few feet, made it necessary for me to lie down. My friends thought I was marked for consumption—weak, thin and pale."

"I realized the danger I was in and tried faithfully to get relief from medicines, till at last, after having employed all kinds of drugs, the doctor acknowledged that he did not believe it was in his power to cure me."

"While in this condition a friend induced me to quit coffee and try Postum, and I did so without the least hope that it would do me any good. I did not like it at first, but when it was properly made I found it was a most delicious and refreshing beverage. I am especially fond of it served at dinner ice-cold, with cream."

"In a month's time I began to improve, and in a few weeks my indigestion ceased to trouble me, and my headache stopped entirely. I am so perfectly well now that I do not look like the same person, and I have so gained in flesh that I am 15 pounds heavier than ever before."

"This is what Postum has done for me. I still use it and shall always do so." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pills.

Ever read the above letter? A mere one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Snap for the Alligators

Goose Rater Finally Found Out Just Why His Flock Did Not Increase.

The oldest of us can remember being told that "Little" Oopoo lost his sheep, but as they came home at last, Oopoo was not so badly off as was Bob Vorus, who six years ago started a goose farm on his mill pond near Lumpkin, Georgia.

He knew the value of feathers, and thought the people would appreciate the opportunity of obtaining them near home for making pillows and beds.

His big mill pond was such a fine place for them to swim and live and raise their young in. So he got five hundred pairs of geese and put them on his pond.

Their nests were built in the rushes

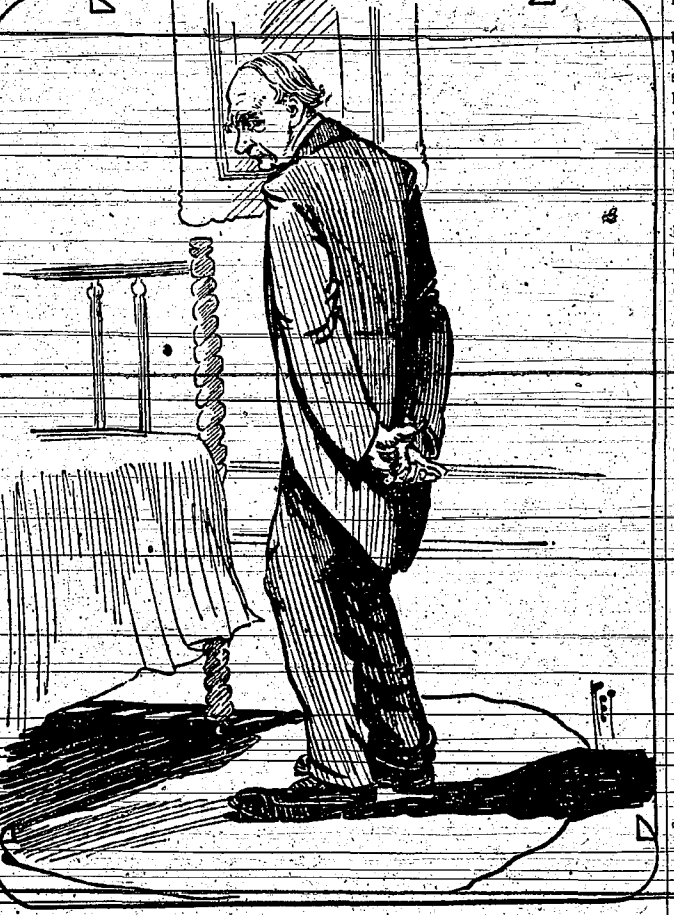
along its banks and their melodious voices reverberated from end to end of the pond. But they did not increase, according to Bob's notion, these numbers were diminishing perceptibly.

A dead one could be seen occasionally drifting along the edge of the bordering rushes. At first Bob thought it might be a snake or a skunk, or some other animal that was destroying them, but soon found out that it was alligators for he actually saw one of the ugly reptiles catch a goose

and pull it under water. Partly eaten geese would sometimes be found.

The Use of Lure.
Lure is, of course, the natural thing for light washable fabric, but here, too, discrimination must be used. A lure rule to follow is: Patterns and mesh increase in size as materials grow heavier, and become smaller and finer as materials grow lighter. If we keep this simple rule in mind, it will help to steer us around many pitfalls. Like all other

rules, it has its exceptions, for occasionally a contract is sought between the consistency of a fabric and the lace that trims it. But contracts are skillful enterprises unless one is very skillful, and harmonies of relationship meet with more general success. A simple and sure way to test the correctness of your trimming is to observe as well as other materials is to observe whether details of your gown are conspicuous at a greater distance than is allowed by a good-sized room. If at this remove, your guipure or your



"If I Should Turn All My Money Into American Dollars, They'd Reach From Here to the City Hall."

Crawford Avalanche.

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year.....\$1.50
Six Months......75
Three Months......40

Entered as second-class matter at the Postoffice at Grayling, Mich. under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 7

The Slot Machines.

There is a strong sentiment here toward the removal of slot machines from our stores, restaurants and saloons. In fact, some are very bitter toward these machines and some even in favor of making a raid for the purpose of seizing of all slot machines and of smashing them up. We sincerely trust that nothing of this sort will happen, and that our city won't have to face the embarrassment of so foolish an act, and we do certainly look at it as being foolish.

Slot machines have been in use in our town ever since their introduction here and the instantaneous removal of them need not be expected without ensuing the hatred of some of our business men. We verily believe that there is a better way to dispose of these devices and, unless there are some who want to make a grand stand play before the people or gain Carrie Nation notoriety, every means should be employed to accomplish this end without resorting to violence. To "clean up" a city of its immorality is a grand work but a truly earnest Christian spirit should be glad to see it accomplished with the least display of ruction or trouble.

Every gambling device in Grayling is being run contrary to the state law and complaint filed in proper form by any citizen of this place can positively cause the removal of each and every one of these machines.

In conversation with proprietors of places where slot machines are being run, we learn that they themselves are willing to remove these machines only they say that if their machines are taken out, all should be taken out and truly we believe that this is fair. So if this can be accomplished in this manner, why not appoint some person or committee, who may have the proper influence, to call on every dealer and suggest that he remove all slot machines from his place of business. We feel certain of a ready response from each and every one of them. True, none will be making records for themselves as great moralists, but the true Christian spirit will only look to the results attained, and not to personal emolument.

Our business men, from all appearances, intend to be law-abiding citizens, but remember, people of Grayling, that the use of slot machines has been tolerated in this city for years and custom is a strong factor with all of us, regarding what is right and what is wrong.

Additional Local News

A. M. Lewis & Co. have a line of Ladies' hand bags on exhibition.

A good second-hand cook stove for sale for \$5.00. Phone 422.

G. P. Schumann.

Miss Bell of Harbor Springs spent her Thanksgiving vacation with Miss Case.

Mr. George Marsh and his son are spending a week with friends in Grayling.

Mrs. L. J. Tryon and son, of Eenton are the guests of her brother, J. S. Harrington.

Road commissioner Peck reports that roads throughout this district are fine with good sleighing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Peck and Miss Gladys spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and sister in Gaylord.

Dr. and Mrs. Keyport enjoyed a visit from the Dr.'s sister, Miss Keyport of Bay City over Thanksgiving.

A number of boys wanting to learn to play hand instruments with expectations to eventually organize a Juvenile band. Enquire at my office or residence.

F. G. Walton.

A little boy listening quite often to the stories of grandpa about the civil war, astonished the old vet by asking the question, "Grandpa, did any one else help you put down the rebel lion?"

Our high school basketball team locked horns with Frederic all-city team last Saturday night. Our boys claim that they won and Frederic claims that their boys won. Hurrah for both sides!

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell and daughter Elizabeth of Newberry were guests of Mr. Campbell's sister, Mrs. A. M. Lewis and family last week. Dr. Campbell is Superintendent of the State Insane asylum at Newberry.

We will again this week be able to furnish you with fresh fish from the Atlantic ocean, consisting of codfish, flounders, eel and herring. Send us your order Friday. We will also have fresh oysters on the shell.

H. PETERSON.

The post office has raised its rates for box rents. All call boxes that formerly were twenty cents, are now twenty-five cents; small lock boxes are raised from thirty-five to forty-five cents; medium size lock boxes from forty-five to sixty cents; and large lock boxes are raised from sixty to seventy-five cents. This was authorized by the U. S. Postal department.

Mrs. Henry Stephens and Mrs. Thos. Doyle, of Waters, were guests of Rev. Fr. Klena the fore part of the week and attended the banquet given by the Catholic ladies.

The Keeley Institute of Grand Rapids is advertising in this paper and we feel that too much cannot be said of this splendid institution. Many homes have been made happy by these people. This is the only Keeley Institute in Michigan and letters of inquiry are held absolutely confidential.

Thos. Cassidy has provided a special room in his basement in which to make his home-made candles. Everything in it is new and clean; it is light and sanitary and is provided with utensils for making most everything from taffy to chocolates. Mr. Cassidy is a progressive baker and confectioner and his bakery is a credit to Grayling.

The banquet given by the Catholic Ladies at the opera house Tuesday night was the largest in point of attendance and receipts ever held by this society. As usual the bill of fare was great. The handsome opera bay was drawn by Miss Margaret McIsaac of Mackinaw City, and the sofa-pillow by Mrs. Ferdinand Sorenson. The ladies wish to thank the generous public for their patronage.

Every thrifty buyer of holiday goods will find splendid offerings among our advertisements. Look for more next week.

The Delineator \$1.50 per year. In combination with four Butterick fashions carrying four free patterns, \$2.00. Our price for a short while \$1.50. Salling, Hanson Co.

A splendid new serial story has started in this issue of the Avalanche entitled "The Lash of Circumstances." It will only run for a few weeks and should be read by our subscribers with considerable interest.

In spite of the large volume of advertising in this paper during the holiday season our readers are getting the usual new and interesting newspaper. Invite your friends to subscribe. Read our special offer on last page.

G. Vallad, of Maple Forest, was threshing beans in his barn, last Tuesday, when fire caught in one of the stables, from a spark from the engine. The flames got a big start before it was discovered and when it reached the hay loft it went with a rush. It was by quick and deamon effort that the separator was saved, but everything else was consumed by the flames. There were ten tons of hay; thirty bushels of potatoes; seven tons of straw; thirty bushels of oats; double and single harness in the barn, all of which were burned.

Mrs. J. B. Redhead, from "Watersmeet," their home down the river, left this noon for Grand Rapids, where she will join her daughter Sinclair of that place and accompany her to Florida for the winter.

Mrs. J. S. Mellstrup entertained thirty ladies informally Wednesday afternoon in honor of her daughter Eleanor, whose marriage to Mr. Fred Powree of Bay City will take place December 14th. Mrs. Mellstrup's home was beautifully decorated in green and white. Late in the afternoon a three-course luncheon was served, after which the ladies took leave of their charming hostess and her daughter.

The Times-Herald of West Branch has changed hands. Editor Babcock, has retired from the newspaper business and will devote most of his time to his duties as postmaster. Mr. Babcock was an enterprising newspaper man and gave the people of West Branch a good newsy paper. We are sorry to have Mr. Babcock leave the profession but it is gratifying to know that he intends to remain in West Branch and hope that he will continue his friendly fraternal feeling toward the "brother editors." The new proprietor is Mr. Bishop of Grass Lake near Jackson. It is our pleasure to be acquainted with Mr. Bishop and we welcome him to our community and wish for him unlimited success.

Woman wanted to do family washing. Phone 364 or inquire at this office. Mrs. SCHUMANN.

We guarantee every canary bird that we sell to be a good singer or we will refund the money.

SOUTH SIDE GRAPESAY.

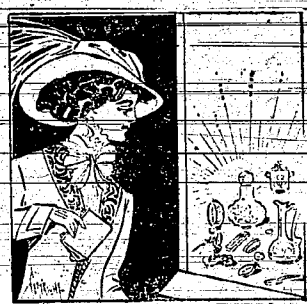
The Christmas tree and Christmas exercises of the M. E. Sunday School will be held in the church Friday evening, December 22nd.

Married, at the M. E. parsonage Mr. Roy R. Sills and Miss Clara Hammond, Rev. James Ivey officiating. These young people expect to make their home in Flint, Michigan.

Fred Smith, Dr. Miller, Eugene Chamberlain and Ira Simmons of Romeo were calling on F. G. Walton here last week. The party have been enjoying some hunting here for several days. They have been stopping with Thomas Wakeley down the river.

Frank G. Walton has an ad in this issue for scholars to learn band instruments. It is impossible to have too much musical talent in any city, and we believe his request for students will meet with a ready response. Mr. Walton is a high class musician, in fact, is recognised as one of the best band and orchestra men in Michigan, and the young man who comes under his tutorage may consider himself fortunate.

Christmas Time IS The Present Time



Great Fascination

clings to the Jewellers window. All the fair sex stop to see the exhibit, and many of the masculine element who have the time. It is agreed by all

That this Jewelry Store

gets the prize for the finest stock of handsome ornaments and sterling silver novelties. Our watches are celebrated as good time pieces and our table ware is warranted not to tarnish. Inspection of all lines cordially invited.

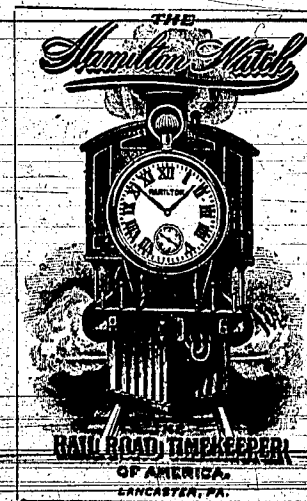


We raise on high

our voices to proclaim the merits of our fine new stock of jewelry. This being the "Present" season it seems reasonable to present our attractions for your approval.

Gems and Jewelry

are here the most stylish, and in the most excellent workmanship. We are showing new designs in gold and silver watches, chains, charms, locket, broches, bracelets, earrings, rings, sleeve buttons, studs, etc.



Hamilton Watch

Jewelry--The Gift of Gifts

All ready for you ANY DAY NOW

It is our opinion that you will agree that our this year's Holiday preparations surpass any thing that we have yet shown. It ought to be that way—for we keep on trying to beat our previous year's efforts.

Anyway we have thought and planned and bought and worked that we might earn your favorable comments.

An early visit is advised.

We wouldn't attempt even a partial description—because we don't feel we could do the subject justice.

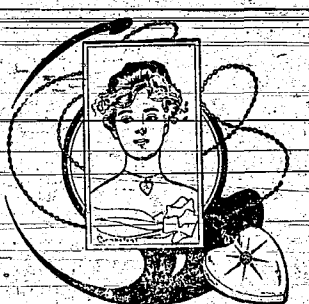
But we will just mention that two or three departments appeal especially to lovers of the beautiful—the Diamonds, the Cut Glass and the China.

These three lines here this X-Mas make a greater demand than ever upon your interest. And when beauty is tied to usefulness, you find it in the shape of a watch, or a ring, or a brooch or chain, or silverware, or half a hundred other things, any of which are better for being bought here.

Some one you wish to remember, most likely.

No place within your reach offers you quite so complete a showing as this store.

We repeat—an early visit is desirable.



A Pretty Picture

doesn't come by chance—design, grouping, finish, all play their parts

Locket, Bracelets, Chains

of charming design are the result of art and skill in fashioning. All these meet and blend in unison in our handsome Jewelry Display. For the correct thing see us. All goods warranted.



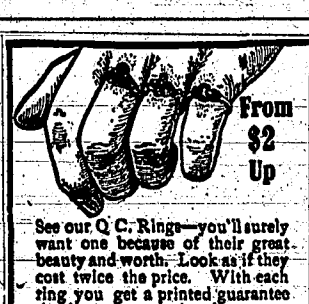
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The Waltham has been awarded highest honors at every International Exposition and has taken every Gold Medal offered in America since 1876.

"It's Time You Owned a Waltham."

Don't buy a watch before talking with us. Complete assortment of Waltham Watches in all grades.



See our Q. C. Rings—you'll surely want one because of their great beauty and worth. Look as if they cost twice the price. With each ring you get a printed guarantee that insures you against lost stones (except diamonds).

GOLD RINGS

GUARANTEED RINGS are made for men, women and children. Over 2000 patterns. Look for Q. C. stamp inside each ring. Call and get free birthstone card.

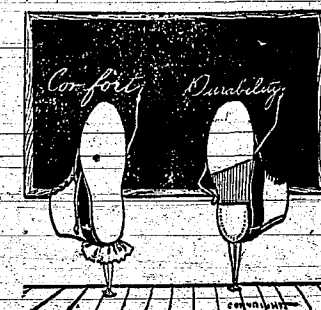
Keep your feet dry and



warm WITH A PAIR OF OUR GOOD

Sensible Shoes

We have a very good soft leather shoe



that insures comfort, durability and wearing quality.

They are soft and pliable and will not hurt the tenderest feet.

We also have shoes for Ladies and Children and can fit you in

Style and Quality

Shoes for Lumber Camps

Woo smen will find just what they want at this store.

Fine Line of Rubbers

We can fit your feet with good, servicable rubbers. Don't wait until you get your feet wet and catch cold. Rubbers are cheaper than medicine.

Salling, Hanson Co.

Cold Weather Needfuls

Four big specials in the Cloak Department

Buy here and save Money

Read carefully the four big bargains advertised below; just the needed garment at the proper time. Don't wait, but come early while assortments are large and choosing will be easy.

Black Varacul Coats for Women, Extra Special at \$10.00—the greatest bargain ever offered by this store.

You will be more than surprised when you see this Beautiful Black Coat, elegantly lined, full 54 inches long, and made with a large Storm Shawl Collar. This Garment is actually worth \$15.00, so come early and save money on your New Winter Coat.

New Mixtures and Black Coats, Extra Special at \$15.00 and \$20.00.

Beautiful Black Kersey and Broadcloth Coats, Mixtures in a wide assortment of Color Combinations to choose from and sizes to fit you all.

We have a nice line of Children's Bearskin Coats which we are offering at very low prices.

SHOES!

Come in and see our line of Ladies' and Misses' Shoes. High Tops in Tan and Black Button. We will be pleased to show them to you.

A. Kraus & Son

Leading Dry Goods and Clothing Store.

Go After Business

in a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It--It Pays

Watchmaker

A. PETERSON

Jeweler

Supplement to Crawford Avalanche

GRAYLING, MICH., DECEMBER 7th 1911.

Additional Local News

We will pay three cents a pound for clean cotton-wiping rags. Avalanche.

A number of dogs have been poisoned at Frederic during the past two years, and lately the process has been going on pretty strong. It is reported that four dogs were poisoned last week.

Miss Irving entertained her friend, Miss O'Callahan of Grand Rapids, for a few days last week. Miss O'Callahan is a teacher in that city and enjoyed her Thanksgiving vacation visiting with Grayling friends.

The Grayling Amusement Co. will give one of its popular plays, entitled, "It's Up to Freddie," a college comedy drama in three acts under the direction of Ida Field Mummy. Thursday evening, December 14th. Some of our very best local talent will assist in producing this bill. Pretty stage settings, good climaxes, funny scenes, pretty costumes and good specialties throughout the bill and between acts. Seats on sale at Lewis drug store. Popular prices, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

Alvin LaChapelle, who came back a few weeks ago from Kenosha, Wis., has been employed by the M. C. to work at their freight depot here. He says he can't keep away from it, having worked there before for several months.

Miss Hale, from Albion, has accepted the position as teacher of the sixth grade, left vacant by the resignation of Miss Ewing. Miss Hale is an experienced teacher, having taught five years in the grades and nine years in the high school. She is a graduate of the Central Normal and State Normal colleges. For the past three years she has been teacher of science in the high school of Norway. Owing to the sickness of her mother at the beginning of the school year, Miss Hale resigned from her position, thus it was possible to obtain so good a teacher at this time of the year. Superintendent Whitney and the School board are to be congratulated upon having been so successful in filling this position. Like other cities we need to keep progressing in our school matters, so the very best teachers are none too good for Grayling schools.

South Side Notes

C. Ackerman has recovered and he has returned to work again.

Mr. Wm. Hammond with his mother and sisters moved to Flint last week.

E. Carver and S. Blair Jr. of Rose City spent Sunday with J. L. Clark.

Guy Dekett of Black River is home to spend a few days with his parents, Wm. Deketts.

E. R. Clark and family are out of quarantine and Mr. Clark is able to resume his labors.

Mrs. John Harris of southern Michigan is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. Chas. Branch.

Neighborhood News

Fredric News

Good Winter Weather.

Joe A. Leighton is busy loading a car of fine potatoes.

Mr. J. S. Patterson is the owner of a beauty.

Compton was visiting her sister, J. C. Karnes Saturday and Sunday.

The mill is nearing completion. We soon hope to hear that cheerful buzzing.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kalakar spent their Thanksgiving with relatives.

here, also stayed for the dance.

Charron shipped one car first class beans to Jackson. Paid \$1.00 No. 1 price. Why not more car loads?

Miss Grace Fournier of St. Ignace has been visiting relatives in our village the past week. Ask Wm. E. Lewis.

J. S. McLachlan, agent for M. C. who is being relieved by G. E. McCartney, is at Bay City having his eyes treated.

The big hill is fine tobogganing and the adult kids are taking advantage of some of these beautiful nights. Oh, you school mums, how you glide!

C. S. Barber and E. J. Breiman have lost valuable hogs. Cholera is the cause. Quite a number in Maple Forest report a loss and more sick.

John Hazlet, a former resident of our city, was shaking hands with friends last week. John is located at Bay City in the Insurance business.

Mrs. Arthur Wilbur and daughters Mildred and May of Grayling came up to eat turkey with her parents on the Ward farm and visited relatives while in town.

Fire! Fire! A little excitement Saturday but no damage done; only a lace curtain burned up, caught from a lighted candle carried by one of B. J. Callahan's little boys. Barney says he will be more careful in the future.

Miss Carrie White of Mackinaw came down from her school to spend Thanksgiving with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Higgins. She has been busy calling on old friends and pupils. She is certainly an A No. 1 teacher.

Mr. Cody reports that the band dance was not a success, owing to lack of advertising. A nice crowd, every one enjoyed themselves and hope they may repeat it later. We must put our shoulder to the wheel and help the band boys. Let's don't forget it.

BONNY.

Miss Mary Forbush is home from her school.

Mrs. Joe Wood has returned to her home in Mexico.

Mrs. F. L. Taylor is visiting in eastern New York.

The Thanksgiving dance was not a success financially.

Y. E. McCracken made a flying trip to Wauson the past week.

A box social for the M. E. minister was a success financially.

Mrs. Stella Sullivan had the misfortune to fall, breaking her finger.

Mrs. O'Brien of Cheboygan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. Gardner.

Mrs. Haines and son Ira of Detroit are visiting her son Ezra and wife.

Miss Fournier of St. Ignace is visiting her uncle, Roy Chene and family.

Mrs. B. J. Callahan has returned from the hospital much improved in health.

The father and sister of Mr. Harry Cram, from Laporte, Ind., are visiting here.

B. Wing and wife was called away on Thanksgiving day by the serious illness of his mother.

Miss Carrie White was home for a few days to eat turkey. Her temporary home is in Mackinaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Barnes of Saginaw are visiting at the home of her parents, T. Jendrens.

The talent of Dr. Leighton is visible in the knowledge of patients coming from Lewiston to see him.

Mr. S. M. Densmore of Montcalm has just been here to inspect the Frederic bank of which he is a director. Mr. Densmore is very much pleased with the condition of the bank and the future prospects of the business.

The basket ball contest last Saturday between Grayling and Frederic was witnessed by a fair crowd, much cheering and a loud noise generally, which was won out by T. J. Meddick. Oh, you Meddick!

Lovell's Locals

Mrs. Lezo is on the sick list.

W. S. Brown made a business trip to Detroit on Friday.

T. E. Douglas made a business trip to Grayling on last Monday.

Arthur Burke and wife were callers in Lovell's Thanksgiving day.

Chas. Lempke of Saginaw was in town for several days last week.

J. Schram went to Grayling to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold made a business trip to Lewiston on Saturday.

Jos. Simms attended the meeting of the school officers of Crawford county recently.

The younger set are enjoying these lovely moonlight evenings, coasting down hill.

W. J. Graham and family spent Thanksgiving day at the Campbell home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marsh enjoyed a few days visit from their daughter and family of Roscommon.

Mr. Husted of West Branch spent Thanksgiving day with his daughters, Mrs. Douglas and Mrs. Stillwagon.

Miss Blanch Goodale was a caller on Saturday and is now at the Anderson cottage for a week's hunting with her father.

The chicken pie supper given by the Gleaners' Thanksgiving evening was a decided success. They had fifteen dollars to the good after paying expenses. Every one enjoyed the supper, also the dance at the pavilion afterwards.

Chas. Douglas, having returned from his trip to British Columbia, was

a caller on his family here one day last week. He is looking exceptionally well.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hinton on Friday last a daughter weighing eleven pounds. Believe me, the Hinton are wearing the smile that won't come off.

Every one has heard of the party of ladies and children that went out riding on Thanksgiving day and upset in a snow drift. Yes, it was a big event.

Misses Maude and Cecil LaRue of T. Town spent Thanksgiving day with their sister at the Marsh home and attended the chicken pie supper and dance in the evening. Tomorrow.

Ausable Valley Breezes

Grandpa Stephan is on the sick list. Winter has set in for good. Sleighting is good.

George Stephan shipped his first bundle of furs Tuesday.

The trapping is poor, although Dan Stephan got a fine black otter recently.

Miss Mary Forbush closed a successful term of school in the Stephan district.

There is prospect of building two new fishing clubs on the stream in the spring.

There will be quite an entertainment at the Appenzell school house about Christmas time.

Hunters in the valley were rewarded for their hard labor according to their deserving. Some filled their licenses; others got what Patty shot at.

D. R. M.

A Card of Thanks.

Wishing to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during their sad bereavement in the death of their son Frank, also the school children and others for their beautiful floral offerings. MR. HARRY CRAM and family.

CANDIES
Prices range from 25c
per box up to \$10.00 a box
We can show you some delicious things in the
CONFECTIONERY LINE

PIPES
A good Pipe for 25c and better ones up to a
Swell Meerschaum for \$6.00

CIGARS
Christmas Boxes, just the thing for some friend who smokes
From 50c a box
Up to \$4.00 a Box

While doing your Christmas shopping visit
OUR SODA FOUNTAIN
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32 Years Success
ONLY ONE IN HIGH INFORMATION
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**Remember, it's rush time now, with Gift
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Sorenson Furniture Store

Crawford Avalanche.

O. F. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION.

One Year.....\$1.50
Six Months......75
Three Months......40

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 7

The Slot Machines.

There is a strong sentiment here toward the removal of slot machines from our stores, restaurants and saloons. In fact, some are very bitter toward these machines and some even in favor of making a raid for the purpose of seizing of all slot machines and of smashing them up. We sincerely trust that nothing of this sort will happen, and that our city won't have to face the embarrassment of so foolish an act; and we do certainly look at it as being foolish.

Slot machines have been in free use in our town ever since their introduction here, and the instantaneous removal of them need not be expected without ensuing the hatred of some of our business men. We verily believe that there is a better way to dispose of these devices and, unless there are some who want to make a grand stand play before the people or gain Carrie Nation notoriety, every means should be employed to accomplish this end without resorting to violence. To "clean up" a city of its immorality is a grand work but a truly earnest christian spirit should be glad to see it accomplished with the least display of ruction or trouble.

Every gambling device in Grayling is being run contrary to the state law and complaint filed in proper form by any citizen of this place can positively cause the removal of each and every one of these machines.

In conversation with proprietors of places where slot machines are being run, we learn that they themselves are willing to remove these machines only they say that if their machines are taken out, all should be taken out and truly we believe that this is fair. So if this can be accomplished in this manner, why not appoint some person or committee, who may have the proper influence, to call on every dealer and suggest that he remove all slot machines from his place of business. We feel certain of a ready response from each and every one of them. True, none will be making records for themselves as great moralists, but the true christian spirit will only look to the results attained, and not to personal emolument.

Our business men, from all appearances, intend to be law-abiding citizens, but remember, people of Grayling, that the use of slot machines has been tolerated in this city for years and custom is a strong factor with all of us, regarding what is right and what is wrong.

Additional Local News

A. M. Lewis & Co. have a line of Ladies' hand bags on exhibition.

A good second hand cook stove for sale for \$5.00. Phone 422.

G. F. SMITH.

Miss Bell of Harbor Springs spent her Thanksgiving vacation with Miss Case.

Mr. George Marsh and his son are spending a week with friends in Grayling.

Mrs. L. J. Tryon and son, of Penton, are the guests of her brother, J. S. Harrington.

Road commissioner Peck reports that roads throughout this district are fine with good sleighing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Peck and Miss Gladys spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and sister in Grayling.

Dr. and Mrs. Keyport enjoyed a visit from the Dr.'s sister, Miss Keyport of Bay City over Thanksgiving.

A number of boys wanting to learn to play band instruments with expectations to eventually organize a Juvenile band. Enquire at my office or residence. F. G. WALTON.

A little boy listening quite often to the stories of grandpa about the civil war, astonished the old vet by asking the question, "Grandpa, did any one else help you put down the rebellion?"

Our high school basket ball team locked horns with Frederic all-city team last Saturday night. Our boys claim that they won. Frederic claims that their boys won. Hurrah for both sides!

Dr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell and daughter, Elizabeth of Newberry were guests of Mr. Campbell's sister, Mrs. A. M. Lewis and family last week. Dr. Campbell is Superintendent of the State Insane asylum at Newberry.

We will again this week be able to furnish you with fresh fish from the Atlantic ocean, consisting of codfish, flounders, eel and herring. Send us your order Friday. We will also have fresh oysters on the shell.

H. PETERSON.

The post office has raised its rates for box rents. All call boxes that formerly were twenty cents are now twenty-five cents; small lock boxes are raised from thirty-five to forty-five cents; medium size lock boxes from forty-five to sixty cents, and large lock boxes are raised from sixty to seventy-five cents. This was authorized by the U. S. Postal department.

Mrs. Henry Stephens and Mrs. Thos. Doyle, of Waters, were guests of Rev. Fr. Riess, the fore part of week and attended the banquet given by the Catholic ladies.

The Keeley Institute of Grayling is advertising in this paper and we feel that too much cannot be said of this splendid institution. Many homes have been made happy these people. This is the only Keeley Institute in Michigan and letters of inquiry are held absolutely confidential.

Thos. Cassidy has provided a special room in his basement in which make his home-made candies. Everything in it is new and clean, light and sanitary and is provided with utensils for making most everything from taffy to chocolates. Cassidy is a progressive baker, confectioner and his bakery is a treat to Grayling.

The banquet given by the Ladies at the opera house Tuesday night was the largest in point of attendance and receipts ever in this society. As usual the bill was great. The handsome bay was drawn by Miss M. McIsaac, of Mackinaw City, a sofa pillow by Mrs. Ferdinandson. The ladies wish to thank the generous public for their patronage.

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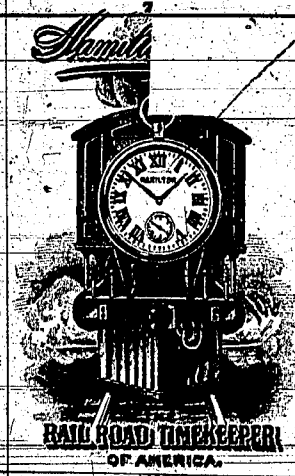


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Come in and see our line of Ladies' and Misses' Shoes. High Tops in Tan and Black Button. We will be pleased to show them to you.

A. Kraus & Son

Leading Dry Goods and Clothing Store.

Go After Business

in a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It--It Pays

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 7

Local and Neighborhood News.



A PRETTY Bottle of Perfume

Makes a Nice Present

We have the line in any odor you desire

A. M. Lewis & Co.
Druggists

Additional local news on opposite page and supplement.

M. Brenner made a business trip to Lewiston, Monday.

J. Ames and daughter, of Sterling, were guests of Postmaster Bates over Thanksgiving.

D. Fleming of West Branch was the guest of his brother, Rev. J. H. Fleming, on Tuesday of this week.

New and second hand cutters for sale at Langevin's barn. Either single or double style. 9-7-11.

Bishop Richter, of Grand Rapids, and Rev. Fr. Miller, of Gladwin, were guests of Rev. Riess last Thursday.

Miss Jones is at her home in Grayling as Miss Laura Simpson is taking her place as teacher of the eighth grade.

Miss Carrie DuVries, of Spring Lake, is at the home of Postmaster Bates and family and expects to remain several weeks.

The Dellmeator \$1.50 per year. We are accepting subscriptions for a short time, at the old price of \$1.00. Salling, Hanson Co.

Ralph Hoyer left last week for Bay City. He expects to find employment there. He intended to spend a few days at Auburn also.

Miss Marion Salling, who is a student at Detroit Conservatory of Music, at Detroit, was home for Thanksgiving. She returned Tuesday.

The two large shade trees in front of Salling, Hanson company's store, and the one in front of Peterson's Jewelry store, have been cut down.

Sir Knights Attention! We will have a special meeting next Friday evening, December 8th, for nomination and election of officers. Be on hand early.

Crawford Grange will elect officers at their next meeting, December 10th. A full attendance is desired as there is very important business which interests everyone, come early.

Mrs. S. Phelps is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. J. J. Coventry of Holly, who arrived last Monday. She is being by scores of old friends, being one of the oldest settlers in this county.

The average cost of hauling one ton of produce one mile in the United States is twenty-three cents; in Europe it is eight cents. With equally good roads as the French peasant is, the American farmers' cost is \$250,000,000 a year.

We want your subscriptions for magazines and publications. We can give you the lowest possible clubbing offers. A nice way to remember a friend for Christmas—send them a year's subscription to some good magazine.

OLAF SORRENSEN & SONS.

Mrs. Lowell Fox was called to London, Canada, Saturday by the serious illness of her mother, who is eighty-five years of age, and in feeble health. It was doubtful when she left as to whether she would reach her destination in time to find her mother still alive.

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Buy some of those Holly boxes of A. M. Lewis & Co. They are fine to send presents in.

Mrs. William Havens left Tuesday for a few days visit with Mrs. McDonald at Wolverine.

Two beautiful goldfish in globe and castle given away with every \$10.00 cash trade at South Side grocery. 2c

Mrs. J. S. Harrington went to Cheboygan Wednesday to inspect a Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in that city.

L. Marienthal and son Percy, of Bay City, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. M. Brenner, and family.

The Burr Crowd held a reunion Saturday evening at Wm. Fischer's home. Misses Case and Irving were hostesses.

William Hanson Company are ready to book your order for coal for the coming winter. Order now to insure prompt delivery. aug711

The Grayling Mercantile company is giving away to its customers a handy genuine leather covered note book. It just fits the vest pocket.

Rev. Fr. Riess was in West Branch last week Monday and Tuesday and assisted in forty hours devotional service at the Catholic church in that place.

Orant Shaw has sold his property on the South Side and will move into a house owned by Peter Johnson in the north end of the town. Mr. Shaw expects to build soon.

Mrs. D. A. Doty, who for a number of weeks has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Schumann, left Tuesday for Grand Rapids where she will remain until after the holidays.

We want your orders for spring cutters, Portland cutters and outter gears; bobbleheads, buggies and spring wagons; gasoline engines and cream separators. A nice line of hand and it will pay you to come in and look these over. Wm. McCullough.

Chas. Douglas returned from British Columbia last week. He says that is no place for a workingman, and that a man's chances are better here in Grayling. He is looking well and enjoyed the trip except for homesickness to see some friend occasionally.

A local and long distance telephone has been installed in the Avalanthe office and we trust that our friends will call us up often and tell us the news. Let us know when you have friends visiting you or when you expect to leave the city or anything that would be of interest.

Ferdinand Sorenson shot and killed a 225 pound buck deer on Thanksgiving day—the last day of this year's deer hunting season. He says that he has had quite a few shots at different deer, but failed to bring one down, but on this day his first shot brought down a fine one.

Miss Ruth Barlow has been teaching school at Pere Cheney, which closed for the season last Saturday night. This was Miss Barlow's first experience at teaching and she made a good record and rendered excellent service to the pupils of this school. She is a graduate of our schools and a niece of Dr. Palmer, with whom she is making her home.

Harvey Anderson, of East Tawas, is here and will take the management of the Grayling Telephone company. The company's business has grown so rapidly that Mr. Bates, in connection with his other duties, found that it was too much for him. Mr. Anderson is an experienced man and is ready to take care of all new business and give the old patrons No. 1 service.

Geo. A. Bellmore of this town, while going into Tawas City Saturday night on the midnight train, had a narrow escape for his life. He was apparently asleep in one coach and when the brakeman called the station Bellmore crossed to the smoker to get his grip, preparatory to leaving the train, when his foot slipped out from under him, due to a severe jolt of the train, and only a strong arm could have ever held as his did. He apparently was not hurt much. Had he been unable to retain his hold he would have been crushed under the wheels.

Crawford County Farmer's institute is in session at the court house. The attendance is fair and the suggestions are full of spirit and good suggestions. An immense amount of good comes out of these meetings and those who have been so fortunate as to attend the meeting can feel a lot of satisfaction for the effort that they have made to get here. We expect to furnish a report next week of these meetings so that our farmer friends who couldn't be here may reap some of the benefits of this good work.

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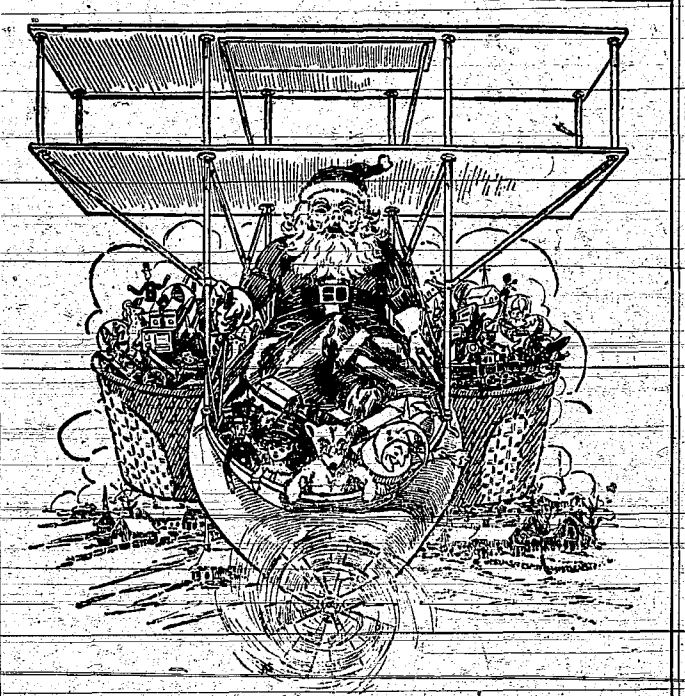
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Mrs. Peter McNevin entertained with a dinner at her home Friday evening in honor of Misses Bell, O'Callaghan and Kenny.

The following characters will appear in the production of "It's up to Freddy," at the Opera house Thursday evening, December 14th: Fred Alexander, Clyde Ham, Ambrose Melstrup, Miss Ruth Barlow, Miss Edna Brown, Miss Jean Dykes, Miss Louise Peterson, Miss Anna LaSparence and Miss Olga Peterson.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson entertained at luncheon Friday noon for Misses Bell and O'Callaghan.

We should like to call attention to each advertisement in this issue by giving each a special notice if it were possible. But as this is not practicable, we simply wish to say that our advertisers are enterprising, reliable business men who deserve the support and patronage of our readers. The very fact that they believe in advertising is a guarantee of their enterprising spirit and their faith in the excellence and attractive values of their goods.



Christmas Will soon be here

Things look like Christmas; indeed they do in our store. Christmas merchandise, also, was never arrayed in a more fascinating display and plentitude. Extra sales people have been provided for to serve you in the best possible manner. Presents suitable for old and young. Here is an interesting assortment of gift articles, which are very acceptable:

FOR GENTLEMEN:	FOR LADIES:
Wine Sets	Vases, Glass and China
Mustache Cups	Stationery
Shaving Mugs	Parlor Lamps
Smoker Sets	Water Sets
Tobacco Jars	Salt & Pepper Shakers
Necktie Boxes	Sugar Shakers
Necktie Racks	Sugar & Creamer Sets
Clothes Brushes, in sets	Cake Plates
Pipe Racks	Berry Sets
Shaving Sets	Bread & Butter Plates
Ink Wells	Plates for Plateshelves
Traveling Sets	Steins for
Collar and Cuff Boxes	Hat Pin Holders

The above are only a few things taken from our large display; there are many other good things suitable for both Ladies and Gentlemen, for old and young, such as Photo Frames, Pictures, Paper Weights, Fountain Pens, Rugs, large or small, Books, Lace Curtains, Portieres, Couch Covers, Carpet Sweepers, Couches, Chairs, Rockers, Tables and furniture of all description. Christmas Toys for the little folks, a large variety suitable for all ages, Dolls, Musical Toys, Rubber Balls, Games, Tea Sets, Stoves, Doll Furniture, Tables and Chairs, Black Boards, Rocking Horses, Air Rifles, Sleighs, etc. For the baby we have Drinking Cups, Rattlers, Rubber Dolls, Rag Dolls, Cutter-Robes and many other things.

Our Bargain Counter

offers an unusually large lot of good values; many of the reductions are considerably below cost, and affords an opportunity to buy Christmas Presents now on the basis of the customary price after Christmas reduction.

Remember, it's rush time now with Gift Buyers. Shop early and avoid disappointments

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FIRST CLASS

Nice Juicy Steaks and Choppes
Cutlets, Roasts
The best Oysters that you can buy in Grayling
High Class Canned Goods

F. H. MILKS

Union

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ONE-SEVENTY-FIVE

OF THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN THE
KEELEY INSTITUTE CURE

ANSWER LIST OF QUESTIONS

SENT TO THEM BY THAT INSTITU-
TION IN THIS CITY.

Affidavit Respecting Replies—Detailed
Statement Regarding Nature of Cure,
Satisfactory and Permanent.

The Grand Rapids Keeley Institute, which
will have successfully completed its
eleventh year on the first of October,
1911. During that time they have
treated successfully upward of two
thousand patients for the liquor, drug,
tobacco and general nervous system
addictions and have been successful in
every case in life saving in age from
boys in their teens to old men who had
reached the age of four score years.
During this time the Keeley Institute
has been successful in curing every
remedy has died. This record was
made notwithstanding the fact that the
Keeley Institute at Grand Rapids has
never refused to receive an inebriate
within its doors for treatment who was
prepared to comply with the rules of
the Institute. Prospective patients have
been sent away from the Institute after
the event of their examination by the
medical director showed they were af-
flicted with chronic or contagious dis-
ease of a kind which, under the
Keeley Institute, were never treated
in such institutions. These ailments in-
clude Serious Organic Heart Trouble,
Consumption, Bright's Disease, Dia-
betes, etc.

The Keeley Institute in Michigan, O-
F-1581 and 1582, the first Keeley In-
stitute was opened in Michigan at
Northville, Ypsilanti and Benton Har-
bor, the Benton Harbor Institute being
moved to Grand Rapids in 1900. The
Ypsilanti and Northville Institutes
were moved to Detroit in 1904 and the
Detroit Institute closed by Charles M.
Beckwith, the present manager of the
Grand Rapids Institute in November,
1902, since which time the Grand Rap-
ids Institute has been the only Keeley
Institute in Michigan and the only place
where the Keeley Cure is administered.
The Keeley Cure of Dwight, Illinois, are used
and administered, as the sole and ex-
clusive right to the use of the same are
controlled by certain corporations
which were founded and controlled
by Mr. Beckwith.

During the month of July Manager
Beckwith decided to address a letter
to every Keeley graduate whose address
was known and who had taken treat-
ment at these Institutes since 1892. Over
4,000 letters were mailed enclosing a
list of questions with a request that the
answers be returned as promptly as pos-
sible for the purpose of giving to the pub-
lic the exact opinion of as large a number
of Keeley graduates as was possible.
Upward of 175 replies were received.
The following is a facsimile of one
blank received and a sworn affidavit as
to the facts follows:

QUESTIONS TO KEELEY GRADUATES

Please answer by YES or NO.

1. State the year in which you took
the Keeley Cure—1894.
2. How long did you use liquor before
taking treatment?—27 years.
3. Have you kept your cure?—Yes, sir;
no trouble at all.
4. Have you had a craving or a desire
for liquor since taking the cure?—No.
Don't think of it.
5. Were you intoxicated or using
liquor when you began your treatment?
—Yes, and hard, too.
6. How many times did you use liquor
while under treatment?—Don't remem-
ber.
7. Do you think you could have been
cured in three days in any treat-
ment?—No, neither in two weeks.
8. Did the Keeley Treatment cause
you any sickness of any kind?—No.
9. How much did you gain in weight
while taking the treatment?—Don't re-
member.

10. Was your general health benefited
by the treatment?—10 to 1.

11. Do you endorse the Keeley Treat-
ment as a cure for inebriety?
—Yes, sir, and none other.

12. Did the hypodermic part of the
treatment injure you in any way?—Not
one bit.

13. Did the hypodermic treatment
cause severe inflammation, any ulcer or
abscess on your arm?—No, sir.

14. Did you know of any patient hav-
ing severe inflammation, any ulcer or
abscess on his arm, while undergoing
treatment?—Not any.

15. Can you recommend the Keeley
Treatment to others who have formed
the appetite for liquor, the same as you
had and cannot leave it alone?—Cheer-
fully.

Signed, W. S. Beebe.

Affidavit.

State of Michigan, County of Kent—ss.

Guy A. Beckwith being duly sworn, de-
posed and said that he mailed over
1,000 letters with the following ques-
tions and received 175 answers, includ-
ing one from W. S. Beebe of Owosso,
Mich., and that all of the answers were
the same, with the following exceptions:
Three had not kept their cure, 2 claimed
they had had craving, 3 claimed their
health was not benefited.

The 175 answers took treatment as
follows: 37 during the years 1892 and 1900;
inclusive; 28 during the years 1901 and
1902, inclusive; 58 during the years 1903
and 1904, inclusive; 25 during the years 1905
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used liquor, and it is not surprising that
they desire to gain back the wages
lost to that portion of their lives which they
have devoted to the use of liquor, and
willing to give thanks to the Keeley
treatment as a cure and means of leav-
ing it behind forever.

Age of Keeley Treatment.
The Keeley treatment is now in its
thirty-second year. It was the pioneer
in the world and when Dr. Keeley de-
clared to the world over thirty years
ago that drunkenness was a disease and
that he could cure it he was laughed at
and scoffed at, called a quack, a humbug,
in fact, most everything by the public
generally and more particularly by the
medical profession. He continued to
demonstrate by turning out thousands
and thousands of successful cures all
over the world, establishing Keeley In-
stitutes in every state in the Union,
Canada, England, etc., which are and
have been successful all these years, and
today we find every medical school or
college and practically all members of
the medical profession admitting and
teaching that the use of alcoholic stimu-
lants, opium and its derivatives, co-
caine, chloral, tobacco and many other
drugs is a disease and yields to medical
treatment.

In connection with this part of the
subject the medical director at the
Keeley Institute reviews the clinical
reports on file at that institution. In-
quite a large number of cases they had
been treated for inebriety and said re-
ports show that the following named
conditions were found: Catarrh of the
stomach 90%, enlargement of the liver
90%, arterio sclerosis or thickening of
the blood vessels 70%, congestion of the
lungs 60%, bronchitis 50%, enlargement
of the heart 30%, weak heart action
70%, congestion of the kidneys 80%,
dilated tendons 80%, despondency 40%,
tubercular tendency 30%, thoughts 30%.
This came taken on an average condi-
tion of the men and women who
take treatment at the Grand Rapids
Keeley Institute.

The treatment administered is a scien-
tific and thorough course lasting four
weeks at least, during which time the
patient is required to live at the insti-
tute, where he is furnished with first
class accommodations in the way of
board and room, without restraint ex-
cept the first days of treatment when
he is perhaps under the influence of
liquor. If the patient has been drink-
ing hard before his arrival he is given
small quantities of liquor to support
him. This is soon withheld and the pa-
tient's stomach is used. His ap-
petite returns and by the administration
of the Keeley Remedies he soon begins
to sleep well, his appetite and diges-
tion better, the desire for liquor and
toxins are gradually eliminated
and his nervous system restored, and at
the end of treatment he feels and is a
new man.

Physicians Indorse Keeley Cure.

The information given herein is in-
cluded in the "Keeley Cure" as near as
possible the real work that is performed
in Keeley Institutes. Any reputable
physician will advise his patient that
careful care and attention and the best
possible treatment is necessary in treat-
ing patients who are in the condition
shown by the above statement. The
treatment consists of a complete in-
tercourse of eight times per day,
every two hours from 7 a. m. until 9 p.
m., and four hypodermic treatments daily,
at which time patient's condition is
improved. The treatment is given by
a physician who always administers the hypodermic
treatment, no other person being per-
mitted to do so.

If any one at all skeptical or fearful
of the treatment employed in Keeley In-
stitutes in the treatment of their pa-
tients, the record of the Grand Rap-
ids Keeley Institute should stand as unques-
tioned proof that there is not the slightest
danger to be feared by any one, and that
the claims made by certain persons that
the hypodermic treatment is injurious
will be refuted as practically every pa-
tient who has been treated in the country
all carry a hypodermic needle and use it
more or less in the treatment of disease.

Contrasted with Other Cures.

During the thirty-two years the Keeley
treatment has been in use hundreds
of so-called cures, known by almost every
conceivable name, have been tried, but
none have been successful. The Keeley
treatment is a cure, and it is a cure for
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